THE ELECTORAL COUNT RESOLUTION-MILITARY PROMOTIONS AND RETIREMENTS - SENATOR KEL-LOGG'S SEAT-A DEFECTIVE INDIAN POLICY.

The Democrats in the House have already begun to devote their attention to partisan measures to the neglect of business legislation. They are endeavoring to pass a concurrent resolution to regulate the counting of the electoral votes. General Ord has been retired from active service in the Army, and Colonel Miles has been appointed to the vacancy. Senator Kellogg is regarded as secure in his seat. Senator Kirkwood denounces the niggardly policy pursued toward the Indians by Congress.

STILL TRUE TO THEIR RECORD. DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN RETARDING BUSINESS LEGISLATION-GOOD RESOLUTIONS UNFUL-

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 .- The Democratic members of the House of Representatives have already begun to break their good resolutions. This, they said, should be a session wholly devoted to the consideration of measures essential to the public welfare, so that the Republicans should have no excuse for an extra session. All attempts at merely legislation were to be aban-An industrious Appropriations Com mittee was to begin work a formight before Congress reassembled and have prepared several of the appropriation bills, so that the House could immediately begin work on them.

The chairman of the Appropriations Committee did not put in an appearance until to-day, and most of the Democratic members of the committee failed to arrive in Washington until a day or two ago; so that for whatever progress has been made in the preparation of the bills credit is due to Republican members and to the clerks of the committee, who were promptly on hand. No Appropriation bill has ret been reported to the House, and probably none will be until toward the close of this week:

There is plenty of business before the House, however. There is the Refunding bill, which is in order at any time, to the exclusion of everything else except appropriation bills. The Democrats appear to be in no horry about that. In its stead they have brought forward the Senate concurrent resolution to regulate the counting of the electoral votes. Toward the end of the last session they repeatedly attempted to stifle debate on this resolution and pass it under the operation of the previous question Yesterday another attempt was made, and to-day it was renewed.

The Republicans were fully aroused by this effort to rush through under the gag rule an important, and what they believe to be a dangerous and unconstitutional measure. They refused to vote, and without their votes the Democrats could not muster a quorum. Mr. Bicknell, who was very eart in his refusal to allow debate, was induced by some of his party friends to withdraw his demand for the preparty friends to withdraw his demand for the pre-vious question, but not until a couple of hours of precious time had been was ed. In the course of the preliminary discussion Mr. Whathorne, of Tennes-see, felt called upon to remark that the proposed measure was not urged with any design to affect the result of the next electoral count; for, he said, "my State, my people, my section, are satisfied that General Garfield was elected President, and, speak-ing for the Democratic party, I say he shall be in-augurated."

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After the question was thrown open for discus-sion, General Kerfer, of Olno, made a very effective speech in opposition to the resolution. A good many Republicans desire to speak on the subject, and all of them will be accommodated.

SENATOR KELLOGG'S SEAT SECURE. THE CREDENTIALS OF THE NEW CONTESTANT PRE-SENIED IN THE SENATE-THE CONTEST NOT

LIKELY TO BE CONTINUED. INT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 .- Senator Jones, of Louisiana to-day presented the credentials of Thomas C. Manning, the contestant for Senator Kellogg's seat, and they were read and filed. Mr. Manning is in Washington prepared to push his contest for Senatoria honors, but it does not seem likely that he will meet with much success even in getting up an excitement, much less in unseating Mr. Kellogg.

Senator Hill, who has acted as prosecuting afterney in the struggle against Senator Kellogg, said to a correspondent of THE TRIBUNE to-day that he did not know whether any renewal of the contest would take place or not.

The attitude of those De nocratic Senators who tast session held that the claim of Senator Kellogg was res adjudicata makes the issue doubtful," said the Senator: "but I think it probable that one of the

was restadjudicata makes the issue doubtine, said the Senator; "but I think it probable that one of the resolutions presented from the committee, namely, that declaring the seat vacant, may come to a formal vote before the Senate."

Another Democratic member of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, who was a strong supporter of Judge Spofford's claims, said, in reply to an inquiry, that last session be became satisfied that nine Democratic Senators would vote with the Republicans against unseating Senator Kellogg, and therefore he should not be a party to any attempt to bring up the subject again in any form.

CHANGES IN THE ARMY.

RETIREMENT OF GENERAL ORD AND ADVANCEMENT OF COLONEL MILES - RUMORS OF GENERAL M'DOWELL'S RETIREMENT - THE WEST POINT

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE ] WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 .- Brigadier - General Edward O. C. Ord, United States Army, being over sixty-two years of age, has, by direction of the President, been retired from active service, in conformity with section 1.244 of the Revised Statutes, and has been ordered to repair to his home, Wash-

There is good reason to expect that more changes will be made in the Army in a day or two. The retirement of General McDowell, it was said yesterday, had been fully decided upon. General Pope is the senior major-general, but there are those who think that General Howard, who stands next on the list may receive the appointment of major-general. It is also reported that Judge-Advocate-General Dunn will be retired this week, probably at ouce This is something of a surprise. There are two names mentioned in connection with the vacancy caused by the expected retirement of General Dunn —Colonel Barr and Major Swaim, both of the corps

of judge-advocates.

Atthough there is considerable discussion among Army officers with regard to the contemplated change at West Point, the subject was not referred. change at West Point, the subject was not referred to at the Cabinet meeting to-day. It is thought in Army circles that General Schofield will be refieved in the caurse of a few days. His successor will probably be Brigadier-General O. O. Howard, who is now Commander of the Department of Columbia. It is said that General Schofield will go to Sau Frau-

A large number of nominations were sent to the A large number of nominations were sent to the Seuate to-day, but did not reach the Capitol until after the adjournment of that body. The only new appointments, however, were those of General W. B. Hazen to be Chief Signal Officer, with the rank of Brigadier-General, and Colonel N. A. Miles to be Brigadier-General, vice Ord, retired.

A PICAYUNE INDIAN POLICY. WHY THEER ARE SO FEW HONEST AGENTS-SENA

TOR KIRKWOOD'S VIEWS ON THE TREATMENT IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Washington, Dec. 7 .- Senator Kirkwood, who. as chairman of the Special Committee to investigate the removal of the Poncas, had an excellent opportunity to learn all about the claims of the

Poncas, says that the whole difficulty, and, as he

believes, a majority of the Indian troubles, grew out

of the "picayane policy" of dealing with the In-Would you," he asked of THE TRIBUNE corre-"with your family, go out and settle among the heathen, to remain for years, for \$1,200 year? That is about what the average Indian agent gets. An honest man, possessing

both experience in business and a good degree of administrative capacity, is required for the position of Indian agent. The Government gets such men as it is allowed to pay for, and the Department is cursed because the results are just what must be expected. This is not right. Congress is at fault. A good many honest men become Indian agents, but they are inexperienced, and they are surrounded by sharpers, who betray them and get them into trouble. The result is they return after two or

three years, forever branded as rascals." "Will anything be done in Congress about the Poneas this session ?" asked the correspondent.

"I presume so," replied the Senator. "I see

"I presume so," replied the Senator. "I see Judge Dundy has decided that the Poncas are entitled to their old lands, and now I suppose we must go to war with the Sioux."

"Are the Sioux in actual occupation of the old Ponca country I"

"They occupy it as they do the rest of their great reservation. They hunt over it. By the way," added the Senator, "it is a little singular that the very country which it is said has proved so unhealthy for the Poncas should be in such demand for settlement by the whites that the Government is compelled to use the army to keep them from eneroaching on it."

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Senator Kickwood believes the Poneas were

wronged at the outset. Now that they are removed, however, and have been so long in their new homes he has grave doubts of the wisdom of returning them to their old homes to become again the prey of the more warlike and more numerous Sioux.

WORK OF THE SUPREME COURT.

RAPID PROGRESS WITH THE DOCKET-JUSTICES WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 .- Since the opening of the present term the Supreme Court of the United States has made unusually rapid progress through the docket, and heard argument to-day in case No 123. At a date corresponding to this in December last year only mnegy-six cases had been reached in the regular call, so that the Court is this term twenty-seven cases ahead of its last year's record. Should the present rate of progress be maintained for the next two weeks, as it seems likely to be cases will be called before the Christmas holidays which would not ordinarily be reached earlier than the last of January or the first of February, and it is important that counsel in cases as high on the calendar as No. 165 should have their briefs in readiness for submission before the 24th of the present month, since they are very likely to be called for.

There is no probability that any of the Justices of the Court will retire from the bench at present. It is understood that Justices Strong and Swayne are both desirons of giving up their positions as soon as they can do so without leaving the Court in a cup-pled condition, but the aunouncement of any par-ticular date for their retirement is premature. It is more than probable that they will retain their seats on the bench until the end of the present term.

THE TREASURY IN DANGER.

THE DEMOCRATS PREPARING TO CELEBRATE THEIR EXIT FROM POWER BY AN ONSLAUGHT ON THE THEASURY.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE PRIBUNE. Washington, Dec. 7 .- The first bill offered in the House of Representatives Monday was introduced by an Alabama member, and it provides for an additional appropriation for the improvement of the Tennessee River. This bill may be a good one, but there is reason why patriotic men of both parties in the House should be on their guard against a danger a thousand private bills on the calendar which have already been passed upon and approved by the different committees. Two or three thousand more are pending before committees. A multitude of these bills call for the appropriation of money. Millions will be asked for internal improvements of various kinds and for public buildings. There is reason to suspect that the Democrats are preparing to celebrate the defeat of Hancock and their exit from power in the House of Representatives by a grand final raid upon the public Treasury.

Besides the fact that the Democratic party will cease to control the House on the 3d of March next,

THE TREASURY AND THE SIX PER CENT BONDS. The Treasury Department furnishes the following for publication: "The impression seems to prevail that the Government is accumulating coin in consequence of its inability to buy the 6 per cent bonds of 1880. This is a mistake. The surplus revenue during the last month was \$3,600,000. During the same month the Treasury Department purchased \$2,159,000 of these bonds, and since the 1st of December has purchased \$1,044,000. The prospect now is that these bonds will be purchased in larger amounts than the accruing surplus revenue. The amount now outstanding is about \$10,000,000."

MR. COX'S REAPPORTIONMENT BILL. Representative Cox said yesterday that he had been promised by General Walker a report of the total population of the United States on or before the 20th instant. Mr. Cox says that he shall present Reapportionment bill as soon as practicable after that date. He is very sanguine that such a bill will be passed by both branches of Congress at the present session, and he claims that the support of a sufficient number of men in the House have already been promised to insure the passage of the bill by that body.

OPPOSED TO CAUCUS RULE. There is at least one Democrat in the House who

has rebelled finally against caucus dictation. Representative Felton, of Georgia, was approached yesterday by a friend of one of the numerous candidates for the postmastership of the House, and asked if he would support that candidate in the caucus. "No." was Mr. Felton's emphatic response.
"I shall not go into any caucus, and I shall vote for the best man. If I think the Republican candidate is the best man of the two I shall vote for him."

GARFIELD'S OFFER TO BLAINE.

Washington, Dec. 7 .- It is reported here that General Garfield has offered the State Department to Senator Blaine, who has not as yet given him a reply and who is consulting his friends as to the policy of his accepting it. Cathoun, Clay, Webster and Seward, all Presidental candidates, settled down into the State Department and it is argued that Biaine should do the same. The majority of his friends oppose his leaving the Schate.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1880. The friends of Senator Lamar apprehend that his The friends of Schalor Lamar appreciations that his health will not permit his attendance in the Schale ngain. He is said to be very feeble. The certificate of incorporation of the Citizens' Gas Light Company of Washington, with a capital of \$1,000,000, was filed in the Recorder's once to-day. Rumors were current at the City Hail to-day that

suit for divorce was to be instituted here this afterneon by Mrs. Kate Sprague, but no papers had been filed up to the adjournment of the Court. Colonel Casey, Eugineer in charge of the Washington

Monument, has submitted to the Joint Commission his annual report detailing the work done upon the monu-ment during the year ending November 30, 1880. The Evening Star says: Congress will be asked within a few days to incorporate an interoceanic canal company. This company proposes to construct a canal visthe Nicaraguan route. The act of incorporation is now

Adjutant-General Drum to-day received a dispatch had received information from the camp on Poplar Creek and from Fort Buford which indicated that Sit-ting Bull would very probably soon come in and surren-der at Buford.

The Republican Senators beld a caucus this morning to determine what changes, if any, should be made in the minority representation on the Scuate Committees for this session. It was agreed that, with the exception of one or two unimportant changes, the Republican membership shall remain as at present.

Under directions from the Secretary of War, all the ordnance, harness and timber stored at the Washington Arsenal are being removed to New-York and San Francisco, preparatory to converting these grounds into a regular military post. The artillery companies at Fort

John Thomas Dove, age eight, the son of George W Dove, of this city, was bitten on the cheek by a hound about four weeks ago. The little boy complained on Saturday of his eye burting, and yesterday morning was taken with spasms. Doctors Lincoln and Ward were called in and pronounced the case hydrophobia. The little fellow suffered severely, and died this morning at 10 o'clock.

GENERAL POLITICAL NEWS.

BROOKLYN REPUBLICANS CONTESTING. A LIVELY MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE-J. C. NICHOLS MADE PRESIDENT.

No political contest in recent years has aroused so much interest in Brooklyn as that which took place last evening over the organization of the Republican General Committee of Kings County. The number of adherents on either side was about equal, and no prediction of the result could be regarded as accurate. The hall where the Committee holds its meetings, at Futon and Jay-sts., was thronged early in the evening by both delegates and other Republican politicians. At length, from fears for the safety of the building, and in order that the delegates might go on with business, all except the delegates and reporters were excluded from the room. Dr James Watt, the chairman of the committee of last year, called the body to order. The first discussion was over the mode of making up the roll, and finally all the delegates went to the rear of the room and the credentials were handed to the chairman. When the town of New-Lots was called Albert Daggett raised a point of order A perfect babole then arose over poin sof order, in which Fire Commissioner Worth, ex Sherriff Daggett, and W. H. Curtis each strove to speak the loudest. Mr. Daggett said that "bossism" might be transferred, but to one would be buildezed. S. T. Maddox moved that

Daggett said that "bossism" might be transierred, our no one would be buildozed. S. T. Maddox moved that the delegates from New-Lots and those contesting be rejused a voic until after the permanent organization. The confirman declared the motion out of order. This was appealed from, and over the voting by years and nays there was much discussion. Nearth an hour was consumed in taking the vote, which resulted in sustaining the chairman by a vote of 66 to 65, the three votes from New-Lots being thrown out.

The motion to throw out New-Lots was then renewed, and an amendment was effected to include in the motion all the wards where there were contests. Mr. Worth moved amid great confusion the provious question on a motion to have 'be subject lie on the table. After a hot contest. Mr. Daggett moved that the members from the Tenta Ward be not allowed to vote. The previous question was voted upon and carried.

The permanent organization was then effected. Mr. Worth moved to proceed to the election of president and each delegate rose and named his choice. John A. Nichols, of the Twentieth Ward, received 71 votes, and Edward H. Hobbs, of the Twenty-fourth ward, 50 votes. It was 12:30 a. m. when the result was amounced. It was received with much appliause. The remainder of the ticket headed by Mr. Nichols was then chosen, with the new president in the chair.

ELECTING A TEMPERANCE MAYOR. NEW-BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 7 .- In the elecion to-day for Mayor, George Wilson, Temperance can didate, was elected, receiving 2,507 votes, to 1,971 votes for Charles H. Gifford, Citizens' candidate.

FALL RIVER CHARTER ELECTION. FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 7 .- At the election here to-day William R. Green (Rep.) was elected Mayor by 1,322 majority over Isaac Smith (Dem.)

IMPROVING THE MISSISSIPPI

St. Louis, Dec. 2.-The Mississippi River Commission met here last Tuesday. The members present were General Q. A. Gillmore,

Benjamin Harrison, General C. B., Major Suter, Mr. Harrod and Comstock, Major Suter, Mr. Harrod and Mr. Mitchell, It is expected that a report to Concress will be made, embracing a brief description of the river between St. Louis and St. Paul, a distance of about 700 miles, the condition of navigation before in provements were begun by the Engineer Department. the general character of the improvements now being made, and the beneficial results produced there-A preliminary report will also be made on the project of improvements by means of reservoirs at the head waters of the upper tributaries, and the necessity for further investigations connected with this branch of the subject will be pointed

The probable election of General Harrison to the United and can thus shirk the responsibility for extravagant appropriations, it is also true that nearly 100 members of the House will retire to private life at the same time. Most of them are deeply interested in private bills and other measures which demand the execution of the pians of improvement, it will be advantageous to have an experienced expenditure of public money. If combined, the will be advantageous to have an experienced lawyer on the Commission in order that different interests which are anxious to make a haul from the National Treasury can do a great deal of mischief in the next three months.

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the Commission have anything to do, deither m an administrative or advisory capacity, with the execution of the pians of improvement, it will be advantageous to have an experienced lawyer on the Commission in order that all questions pertaining to right of way, and condemnation of lands, may be treated proncry without going outside for legal counsel. The surveys, and examinations and observations on various parts of the river both above and below Cairo, are being made in a satisfactory manner.

THE FIRE RECORD.

The house of James S. Shaw, at One-hundred-and-fifty-sixth-st. and St. Nicholas-ave., was set on fire accidentally, yesteriny afternoon, by Mrs. Shaw, who was carrying a lighted candle through one of the rails. The outlang was cannaced \$200, and furniture valued at \$700 was destroyed. The loss was covered by

CHICAGO, Dec. 7 .- A special to The Daily Neies from Omaha says: At 2:30 this morning a fire originating in Her's wholesale liquor house and spreading to Collins's saddlery establishment, destroyed both buildings and their contents. The losses are: Her & Co. quors and fixtures, \$125,000; Collins Bros., barnes stock, \$50,000; Max Meyer & Bros., planos, organs and jewelry, \$15,000; Runge, tailor, \$2,500; Ish O. Me-Mahon, drucs, \$4,000; Rogers & Sons, \$2,500; John D.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 7 .- A special to The Star from Laurinburg, N. C., says: A fire broke out in this place at 3 o'clock, completely destroying all the stores and other buildings on the east side of Main the stores and other bandage of the Carolina Central Railroad shops. The shops were saved by the deter-mand efforts of the employes and the citizens. Loss, \$40,000 to \$50,000, with very little insurance. The fire was of incendiary origin.

UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 7 .- A fire in the picking-room of the sollen Mills to day caused a damage of a little

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

DROWNED WHILE SKATING.

SOUTH AMBOY, N. J., Dec. 7.—William Nelson, age eighteen, a son of Dr. C. Nelson, fell through the ice while shating at Heddensville to-day, and was drowned.

KILLED BY A PILE-DRIVER.

FILLED BY A PILE-DRIVER.

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 7.—1 his morning, while engaged laying jettles in the harbor of Appointaint River, Miles Jones was struck by the pile-driver and fataity injured.

A MURDERER COMMITTED TO AN ASYLUM.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Dec. 7.—Benjamin Eastman, of Chester, Mass, who is charged with the murder of Pericy Hutchius, was to-day committed to the insane asylum.

KILLED BY A SHAFT.

UHCA, N. Y., 1100, 7.—M. W. Pritchard, a carpenter employed in the Merchant from Mili at Rome, was caught by a shaft to-day and Filled within a minute. The body was reduced to a jelly.

BOSTON MILITARY TO VISIT THE SOUTH.

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BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The National Landers to-night voted to accept the instation of the Continental Guards of New-Orlans, to be present during the Mar I Gras festival next week February.

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PRISONER SHOT BY A GUARD.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 7.—A special dispatch to The News from Austin gays that a convict named Henry Douglas was shot and killed by the prison grand to day while attempting to oscape.

K'LLED BY AN EXPLOSION.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 7.—A evinider head attached to the Reynolds cotton compress blew out this afternoon, killing a youth named Daviel Say and severely wounding another named Edwa. of Fitzinger.

SHOT AT A GAME OF CARDS.

DENVER, Cot., Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Trinidad to The Reynoldican says that E. Powell shot Dr. E. N. Chahling, a prominent citizen, probably fatally, in self-d-fence, caused by a quarrel over a game of Cards.

THE BORTBEE MURDER TRIAL

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THE BORTREE MURDER TRIAL.

HONESDALE, Penn., Dec. 7.—In the Bortree murder trial the whole day was taken up in selecting a jury. A special venire had to be issued before the jury was completed. A motion to have the indictment quashed was refused.

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CANAL RECEIPTS.

ALBANY, Dec. 7.—The bail receipts on the canals from November 23 to the 30th were \$255.85 against \$5.490.45 for the same period last year. The total receipts for the season thus far reported are \$1,155,257.63 against \$941,578.97

for last year.

AN UNCLE'S CRIME.

RIVERSIDE, N. J., Doc. 7.—Aloys Amberle, age six years at the suggestion of his uncle, a Mr. Eitzel, blew down the barret of a gun thought to be unloaded, and upon which he had placed a cap. The top of the boy's head was

partly blown away.

PRINTING THE COURT OF APPEALS REPORT.

ALBANY, Doc. 7.—The contract for printing the Court of Appeals reports was to day awarded to Weed, Parsons & Co., whose bid was \$1 per volume and packing rot to sons & Co., whose bid was \$1 per volume and packing rot to sons & Co., whose bid was \$1 per volume and packing rot to sone & Co., whose bid was \$1 per volume and packing rot to sone & Co., whose bids not accepted as follows: Edward M. Johnson, Oneonta, 43 cents; A. A. Mariett, Schenectady, 69 cents, and Charice Van Benthuvsch. 75 cents per volume.

McHenry will be transferred from Baltimore. Colonel MR. KELLY'S POWER BROKEN.

HOW THE CITY OFFICES WILL BE FILLED. THE DEMOCRATS CONSENT TO GIVE THE REPUBLI-CANS REPRESENTATION IN THE DEPARTMENTS-A SUCCESSOR TO MR. KELLY PROBABLY TO BE CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AL-DERMEN - THE REPUBLICANS TO HAVE THE

PRESIDENCY OF THE TAX DEPARTMENT. It is now believed that the vacancies in the city offices will be filled at an adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Friday. The Democratic leaders opposed to John Kelly have consented to give the Republicans a fair representation in the departments, and the nomination of a successor to Mr. Kelly will probably be confirmed. Who the new Controller will be is not yet known. The Republicans are expected to have the head of the Tax Department, a Park Commissioner, Dock Commissioner, and two Police Justices. The end of Mr. Kelly's tenancy of the Controffership, and his greatly diminished influence in the other city departments, will be likely to eripple him as a political leader.

SIGNS OF THE COMING CHANGES.

INDICATIONS AT THE MEETING OF THE ALDERMEN -THE PROBABLE VOTE ON CONFIRMATION. Every foot of standing room in the chamber of the Aldermen was occupied by an eager crowd of oliticians when the Board was called to order yesterday. It was evident that they expected the Mayor to send in nominations to fill the vacancies in the departments. They were disappointed. After some unimportant business, Alderman Perley moved that when the Board adjourn it be to Thursday next. This at once aroused the suspicions of the Tammany Aldermen. It was felt that the motion meant a great deal more than appeared on the surface. Aldermon Sauer and Shiels spoke against the motion. It was suggested that Friday would be a better day, and on the question of adjournment to Friday the vote was as follows:

Ayes-President Morris, Aldermen Cogeey, Finck, Fester, Goodwin, Haffen, Hall, Haughton, Halbig, Jacobus, Kenney, Marshall, McClave, Perley, Saucr, Sheils, Strack and Wade. Nays-Aldermen Kirk, Keenan, Murphy and

The vote cannot be considered a fair indication of how all the Aldermen will vote on Friday next. Aldermen Sauer and Sheils voted for the adjourned meeting because they saw that it would be useless to oppose it, the resolution already having enough votes to carry it before their names were reached in calling the roll.

There is not much reason to doubt that the Mayor will send in to the Board of Aldermen on Friday a list of nominations for the vacancies in city offices including the Controller, Commissioner of Public Works, Corporation Counsel, Excise, Dock and Park Commissioners and Police Justices. The list would have been sent in yesterday, but there were certain details which had not been agreed upon, so it was delayed. Could these have been arranged, the list would have been confirmed without diffi-

There have been many conferences of the Irving Hall leaders during the last two or three weeks as to the best means of securing the confirmation by the Aldermen of certain nominations which the Mayor desired to make. They were very auxious to prevent Mr. Kelly from remaining Controller until the end of Mayor Cooper's term of office. The political and personal ties of each member of the Board of Aldermen were carefully canvassed. There were ten votes which could probably be mustered on the Mayor's side, outside of the Republicans. But it needed twelve to confirm, and no confirmations could be bad unless some of the Republican votes were secured. It was found that the Republican vote could not be had unless certain conditions were complied with, especially that of representation in the Board of Estimate and Apportronment and in the various Commissions. President Morris is now a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by virtue of his office as president of the Board of Aldermen, but it is extremely improbable that a Republican will be chosen presilent of the Board for the coming year. The president of the Department of Taxes and Assessments is member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and this position the Republicans seek. It will probably be granted them. They are likely also to receive the nomination for a Park Commissioner in place of James F. Weaman, whose term has expired; a Dock Commissioner, an Excise Commissioner, and probably two Police Justices-one in place of Nelson K. Wheeler, deceased, and one in place of F. Sherman Smith, whose term of office has

To Irving Hali will probably be conceded the Department of Public Works, the Controller, Corporation Counsel, an Excise Commissioner and a

There are comparatively few names mentioned on ither side for Commissioner of Public Works. Commissioner Alian Campbell and Hubert O. Thompson are the only ones prominently mentioned. For Controller no one can apparently say with any certainty whom the Mayor will name. His friends say the nominee will be one in whom the public has the utmost confidence. It is confidently asserted that he will not be Andrew H. Green. Corporation Counsel Whitney will be renominated.

For the Republicans, President Morris has been alked of for President of the Department of Tax-s and Assessments because of his long familiarity with the various departments of the City Gov-eroment and their needs, which would be valuable

the various departments of the Car, which would be valuable in a member of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. It is understood, however, that he would prefer to be a Police Justice. Alderman Jacobus is spoken of for Dock Commissioner. Unless something unforceseen occurs, the cominees will be agreed upon and the list sent in to the Aldermen on Friday, and it is believed now that they will be confirmed by a safe majority.

Naturally, the Tammany leaders are much incensed at the new combination, and denounce it as the result of money applied "where it will do the most good." There is nothing to show that this assertion is founded on fact. The combination has simply been brought about by a willingness on the part of the Irving Hall leaders to concede to the Republican minority in the Board of Aldermen what they have always demanded—a proper representation in the departments of the City Government.

STRIVING TO WARD OFF DISEASES.

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 7 .- The American Pubte Health Association was called to order at Gruntwald Hall by the president, Dr. John S. Billings, of Washington. About 100 members were present. After prayer by Bishop Galicher tise Convention elected several new embers. The treasurer's report was read and re-

Dr. Gustavus Davros, of New-Orleans, read a paper on abattoirs. Papers were next read by Dr. B. W. James, of Phitadelphis, on "How Abattoirs Improve the Condition of Cities," and by Dr. Joseph R. Smith, Surgeon of the United States Army, on "Texas Cattle Fevers." Dr. Smith said that no contagious dis-Cattle Fevers." Dr. Smith said that no contagious dis-case prevailed among native Texas cattle, but that many imported cattle suffered from an accilimating fever. The paper of Dr. Smith gave rise to considerable discussion. Dr. Devron, of New-Orleans, gave a short history of the work of the Sanitary Association of New-Orleans. Dr. Austin, of New-Orleans, said that he was willing to admit that good work was done by the Sanitary As-sociation of New-Orleans, but claimed that the work of stamping out the epidemic of 1879 was done by the National Board of Health.

National Board of Health.

The next paper read was the report of the committee on a plan for the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases, by Dr. Albert G. Gibon, of the Unit of States Navy, which concluded with a resolution recommending legislation making it a criminal offence knowingly to communicate contagious disease, and providing for granting is reatment. After a discussion the resolution was adopted.

MORMON COMMENTS ON THE MESSAGE.

SALT LAKE, Utah., Dec. 7 .- The recommendations of the President's Message respecting Utah give great satisfaction to the Gentiles here. The Mormons affect to regard them with contempt. The Descret News (Mormon) says: "So far as recommendations concern-

Saint any uneasiness, they are too unpractical and un-American for serious consideration by statesmen, and the Lord rules on the earth beneath as well as in the heavens above." The Herald (Mormon) says; "No extreme measures, and especially such as are monestron-ly victors, wieked and unlawful in themselves, stron-ly victors, wieked and unlawful in themselves, will accomplish anything. Congress perhaps understands this, if Mr. Hayes does not. We need have no fear that a Provisional Government for this Territory will be provided."

RAILWAY INTERESTS.

GOING TO MEXICO.

RAILROAD EXTENSIONS IN TEXAS-RAPID WORK TO THE MEXICAN BORDER-DIVERSION OF TRAFFIC. St. Louis, Dec. 7 .- The Missouri Pacific, and Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroads are arranging to enter into a vigorous competition for the Texas trade, heretofore almost exclusively enjoyed by the from Mountain Read. Nearly 50 per cent of the gross earnings of the latter company are said to be derived from the Texas and Pacific connection. As the control of the Texas and Pacific is now owned in the Missouri Pacific interest, it seems likely the Iron Mountain will lose the greater perition of this traffic. Mr. Taimage telegraphs from Texas that contracts are already let for the extension of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas from Dembison, via Fort Wortin, Austin and San Antonio, to Laredo on the Mexican from jer, in all about 600 miles, to be completed during the ensuing year. enter into a vigorous competition for the Texas trade,

NEW-YORK AND NEW-2 NGLAND ROAD. ANNUAL MEETING-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS-THE

HUDSON RIVER EXTENSION. Boston, Dec. 7 .- The annual meeting of the ocknotders of the New-York and New-England Rail road to-day was an animated and excited one. A heated debate took place upon a motion of Mr. Edward Crans to postpone the vote for the election of fifteen director It was finalty voted that the balloting for directors b It was finally voted that the bailoting for directors be proceeded with, and the following named were elected: William T. Hart, James H. Wilson, Joseph K. Iaker, Le Grand B. Cannon, Saumel A. Carllon, George P. Carter, R. Suydam Grant, John Goldthweit, Marshall Jeweil, Priderick J. Kugsbury, Jesse Metcalf, Thomas Nickerson, Gornam P. Pomeroy, Stiffsman B. Allen and James Starges. Subsequently a resolution was adopted providing for a special committee of five to report amendments to the by-laws. General Wilson, vice-president of the corporation, made a statement of the condition and prospects of the road. The improvement of the property of the company at Hartford is to be at once begun. The line of the road to the Hudson will be open to regular travel by the 1st of next June. He also speke strongly in favor of double-tracking the road as rapidly as the means therefor can be obtained.

MISSOURI, KANSAS AND TEXAS EXTENSION. GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 7 .- A dispatch to The News from San Autonio says: Mr. A. A Talmage said to-day that a contract had already begu closed for building twenty miles of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road, and that the work would begin at Fort Worth at road, and that the work would begin at Fort Worth at once, and the road would be built both ways. He also sud it was the intention of the management of the Missouri, Kansas and Fexas Company to bring the road to San Autonio; and that at the present time a movement is on foot in New-York between the company and Mr. Jay Gould toward an arrangement by which the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Company would use Mr. Gould's track to the Rio Grande.

OFFICIAL RAILROAD REPORTS. ALBANY, Dec. 7 .- The following railroad corgrations have filed statements with the Controller o their condition, under the law levying a tax on corpora-

tions:

New-York Central and Hudson River—Amount of capital stock paid in, 889,244,100. Dividends October 15, January 15, April 15 and July 15, 2 per cent cach—8 per cent. Tax on capital stock, \$178,488-20. The carmars of the road from January 1 to July 30 were \$13,796,727-32, the tax on which is \$88,983-63. The tatal tax by the State on this corporation is on capital stock, \$178,488-20, and on gross carmings, \$69,993-63. New-York, Lake Eric and Western—Capital stock, \$34,633,246-68. Tax on capital stock, \$53,049-93. Earnmars from January 1 to Jane 30, \$6,087,412-68. Tax on same, \$34,987-06, making a total tax by the State on capital stock, \$51,049-93, and on gross carmings, \$34,987-06.

These two corporations enter a procest against paying the tax on their capital stocks for the whole year, claiming that the law had no existence prior to June 1, 1880, and that they should be assessed for no sum exceeding five-tweifths of a year.

The New-York Elevated—Capital stock, \$10,000,000, Whole number of shares authorized, 100,000. Nameer of shares issued, 65,000. Value per share, \$100.

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Albany and Susquehanna—Paid capital, \$3,500,000; funded debt, \$6418,000; inninded debt, \$275,496,86; number of shares of stock, \$5,000; number of stock-leafers.

holders, 448.
Albanyami Vermont—Paid capital, \$600,000; number of sha es of slock, 6,000; number of stockholders, 47.
Brooklyn, Bath and Coney Island—Paid capiral, \$300,000; funded debt, \$80,000; number of shares of stock, 6,000; stockholders, 7; carn mss of passengers, \$40,501,56; from other sources, \$6,104,19; payments for road expruses, \$50,797,36; formtrest, \$5,600. na Valley-Paid capital

\$50.797.36; for interest, \$5.600.
Cooperatown and Susquebanna Vailey—Paid capital.
\$308.405; randed debt. \$132.000; unfonded debt.
\$602.76; number of shares of stock. 3.084; number of stockholders. 2.000; carnings—from passengers,
\$16.379.58; from freight, \$16.916.09; from rents,
\$435; from other sources, \$1.001.92; road expenses,
\$25.014.86; rentals, \$9.368.
N=W York City and Northern—Paid capital,
\$2.252.450.15; funded debt. \$1.500,000; unfunded debt. \$480.134.32; number of shares of stocks. \$30,000; number of stockholders, 57.
Ozdensburg and Lake Champisin—Paid capital, including \$2.000,000 preferred stock, \$5.077,000.00; funded debt, \$992,000; unfunded debt, \$233.684.95.
Earnings—from passengers, \$106.281.20; from freight, \$371.312.73; from mais, \$9.564.24; from rents, \$3,503.59; from other sources, \$67.154.48; parments—for road expenses, \$387.896.99; for interest, \$72.217.55; for dividends, \$160,000.
Stering Mountain—Paid capital, \$80,000; funded debt, \$475.674. Earnings—from passengers, \$43,190; from freight, \$38.738.65; from rents, \$617.83; parments for road expenses, \$39,511.78.
Syracus, Geneva and Corning—Earnings—from passengers, \$30,429.05; from freight, \$38.359.11 78.
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MR. GOWAN'S PLAN APPROVED.

MR. GOWAN'S PLAN APPROVED. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.-The Board of Managers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company met this morning and pasced a resolution approv-ing of President Gowen's plan for the relief of the road from its present fluorical troubles.

THE ERIE-MCHENRY SUIT. The decision of the lower court has been sustained by the court of last resort in England in the mit of the Eric Railway Company agt. McHenry. An appeal can be taken from this decision only to the House of Lords, and it is thought doubtful whether or not

of Lords, and it is thought doubtful whether or not McHenry will take that appeal.

President Jewett, of the Eric Company, said vesterday that he had no information in regard to the decision other than had been published. He was confident that the company would secure a part of the judgment against McHenry. A person intimately associated with the company said that a handsome sum would be realized from the judgment. McHenry had not prosecuted his bankruptcy proceedings, which were begun immediately after the adverse decision by the lower court, but had made overtures for the settlement of the suit before the latest decision. He had offered to compromise with the company by paying about \$500,000. No action had been taken in regard to this proposal of McHenry.

A ROUTE NOT YET DECIDED. The route of the proposed extension of the

Lake Erie and Western Railroad from a point on the main line to Sr. Louis has not yet been decided upon, The contractors, who have engaged to build the road b it will be ready for immediate operation.

UNITING COAL AND RAILROAD INTERESTS. A consolidation of the Ohio Central Railroad and the Ohio Central Coul Companies has been agreed upon by the directors of both companies. Meeting of the stockholders will be held January 4 to ratify this action. Under the terms of the agreement stock of the consolidated company will be exchanged share for share of the present railroad company's stock, and in the proportion of one and a half shares to each share the proportion of one and a haif shares to each share of the coal company's stock. The present stock of the coal company is \$5,000,000, and for this the new company will issue stock to the amount of \$7,500,000. With this the present stock of the railroad company, which is \$4,000,000, and that of the Mineral Division and other branches, will make the total stock issue of the consolidated company \$12,000,000. The funded debts of the two companies will remain in their present condition.

The proposed union is believed to be advantageous to both companies, which are owned virtually by the same persons. The railroad company, it is claimed, will derive great advantage from the ownership of the coal property will be benefited largely by securing perimanent control of the railroad, which will insure uniformity of rates and harmony of management. The daily product of the coal nines is about 1,200 tons, and it is understood that this will be increased in January to 1,500 tons. The railroad company now has on its line 1,500 tons. The railroad company now has on its line 1,500 tons. The railroad company now has on its line 1,500 coal cars, carrying sixteen tons each, and has ordered 1,000 more cars, which will be delivered within a short time. PRICE FOUR CENTS.

AMOUNT OF THE LIABILITIES UNKNOWN-THE CAREER OF THE HOUSE

B. G. Arnold & Co., well-known repersers of coffee and tea, No. 125 Front-st., suspended payment yesterday. The liabilities are variously estimated at between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. It is believed that recent death of O. G. Kimball, the of Boston, who was intimately associated with this house in business operations, was the immediate cause of the suspension. Rumors that other firms would be affected by this embarrassment were numerous, but these fears were not realized. Late in the day an assignment was made by the firm to J. Lawrence McKeever, a merchant at No. 127 Pearl-st. The failure was unexpected, although the credit of the firm has been impaired somewhat within the present year.

DETAILS OF THE SUSPENSION.

The announcement of the failure of B. G. Arnold & Co. caused no little excitement and surprise, not only in the trade, of which the firm has been for many years a representative member, but also in commercial and financial circles generally. The former prominence of the house, together with its great age, and the general belief that other firms would be carried down in its fall, combined to make the failure one of great interest. Rumors of the suspension were circulated in Wall-st, early in the day, but it was not until noon that these reports were confirmed.

The immediate cause of the failure is generally believed to be the sudden death at Boston Saturday evening of O. G. Kimball, whose relations with the ouse of B. G. Arnold & Co. have been for many years most intimate. His purchases and importations of coffee have been made for the joint account of himself and the New-York house, and the complications likely to arise from his sudden death are beheved to have hastened this failure. However, no statement in regard to the affairs of the house could be obtained yesterday. The habilities were now rumored to be very large, and now very small; but the members of the firm, the assignee, and their counsel all refused to give even an approximate

statement of the condition of the business. Mr. Arnold was at his office during the day. He said to a TRIBUNE reporter, who asked for particulars of the failure, that he appreciated the propriety of the inquiry, but that he could not furnish the desired information under any circumstances. He added that no meeting of the creditors had been held, and that no detailed statement of the condition of affairs had been yet prepared. He declined, under these circumstances, to say anything more, except to express great confidence in the ability of the firm to pay all its debts. William M. Prichard, of the law firm of Prichard, Smith & Cleveland, No. 49 Wall-st., who was said to have a general statement of the assets and liabiltties, refused to give even a synopsis of it. He said that he held the papers simply as counsel, and that he could not reveal the offairs of his clients. Later in the day he reiterated this refusal, but said the

statement would be made public in a few days. EXTENT OF THE LIABILITIES.

The liabilities, however, were estimated by persons acquainted with the business of the firm at between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. Of this amount the greater part is believed to be due to banks and bankers on promissary notes and in the settlement of exchanges. The Bank of New-York, of which Mr. Arnold was a director, is believed to hold a large amount, but the president, Charles M. Fry, said yesterday that the sum due the bank was amply secured. He added: "We received notice from B. G. Arnold & Co. early this ordered not to pay any of their checks. We held a small amount of the firm's paper, but it was all well secured by warehouse receipts."

B. B. Sherman, president of the Mechanics' Na-

tionai Bank, said: "I have known Mr. Arnold since he first came to this city from Providence in 1840. He was considered by all business men to have been a straightforward business man, and although he has had bad luck during the last year, and has lost considerable money in speculations in tea and coffee, which injured his credit, I believe will pay a hundred cents on the dollar and have a considerable surplus besides. He has the sympathy of the entire mercantile community, and no one would shrink from extending a helping hand. The firm has not much commercial paper out, and what it has is well secured. The principal indebtedness, I believe, is with foreign bankers on sterling exchange. His New-York accounts were principally with the National Bank of New-York. Mr. Arnold was said at one time to be worth \$2,000,000. His house, at No. 279 Madison-ave., cost \$150,000, and is no doubt worth fully that price now. It is clear of any incumbrance. He has also a house and sixty acres of improved land in Westchester County, his summer place, on which there is a small mortgage. This property has appreciated in value since he purchased it. He also owns the building occupied by Bowie, Dash & Co., No. 166 Pearl-st. The entire real estate is valued at above \$300,000, and the eash capital of the firm was \$500,000. Mr. Arnold has always been a prominent man among the merchants of this city, and although he has never held a political office, has occupied many positions of trust. He is president of the Downtown Merchants' Cinb, in Pine-st., a director in the National Bank of New-York, and a director in other financial

concerns. Everywhere in business circles yesterday great sympathy was expressed for the embarrassed firm, and many prominent men called at Mr. Arnold's office in the course of the day to express personally their surprise and grief. B. G. Arnold & Co. have enjoyed excellent credit for many years, and although the firm has suffered the vicissitudes incident to a long mercantile career, t s failure at this time was generally unexpected. During the last few mouths its credit has been impaired somewhat, but its paper has been sought by bankers at low rates of interest. For several years, however, the house has been gradually losing its supremacy in the trade, which was at its highest in the years immediately preceding the panic of 1873. In that year its power was lost, and it never afterward fully recovered. For several years before that time the firm controlled the coffee supply of the world, and Mr. Arnold, the head of the house, was known as the "Coffee King."

MR. KIMBALL'S CONNECTION WITH THE HOUSE. O. G. Kimball, whose sadden death Saturday evening is referred to above as possibly having precipitated the failure, had been for several years one of the most prominent dealers in coffee in the United States. He began Unsucess about twenty years ago, and for a time was connected wit : the firm of Kimball & Harris, Boston. In 1868 ie became a member of the fir.a of D vinell & Co., which was for several years the largest coffee house in the New-England States. He remained a member of that firm about six years, and it was during this connection that he began the operations which made his name famous in the trade. He was the New-York buyer for Dwinell & Co., and about one-half of his time was spent in this city. He here formed the acquaintance of Mr. Arnold and of other large and from this sprang the combinations